538,572

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization

International Bureau



) TOTAL BENDETEN HERRING HIGH BEIN BEIN BEIN BIR HER HIN BETAL BIR BENDE BIN BENN BEN BERDEN HER HIN GERF

(43) International Publication Date 1 July 2004 (01.07.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number WO 2004/055650 A1

(51) International Patent Classification7:

G06F 1/00

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/IB2003/005205

(22) International Filing Date:

14 November 2003 (14.11.2003)

(25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

(30) Priority Data:

02080502.4

17 December 2002 (17.12.2002) EP

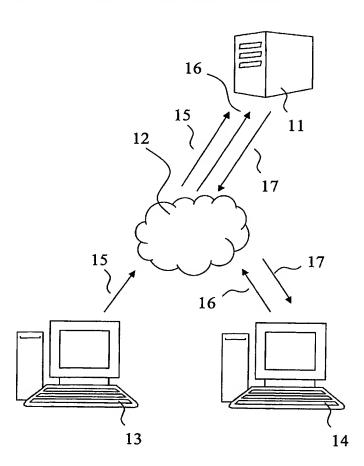
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): KONIN-KLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N.V. [NL/NL]; Groenewoudseweg 1, NL-5621 BA Eindhoven (NL).
- (72) Inventors; and
- (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): SCHELLINGER-HOUT, Nicolaas, W. [NL/NL]; c/o Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL). BODLAENDER,

Maarten, P. [NL/NL]; c/o Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL). BULTHUIS, Willem [NL/NL]; c/o Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL). VOORWINDEN, Pieter [NL/NL]; c/o Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL). SINITSYN, Alexandre [BY/NL]; c/o Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL).

- (74) Agent: GROENENDAAL, Antonius, W., M.; Philips Intellectual Property & Standards, Prof. Holstlaan 6, NL-5656 AA Eindhoven (NL).
- (81) Designated States (national): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: SYSTEM TO ALLOW CONTENT SHARING



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and a system for converting digital rights. The invention is based on the idea that a mechanism is introduced, by which it is possible to convert an unlimited right into at least one limited digital right, which gives a user access to the content a limited number of times. The present invention is advantageous since if a proprietor of an unlimited right wants to share his/her unlimited right with a friend, he/she does not have to give up the unlimited right to the friend. If the proprietor would like to share the right with other content consumers, the unlimited right can be converted into a number of limited rights, wherein these limited rights can be shared with the other content consumers.



(84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Declaration under Rule 4.17:

as to applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) for the following designations AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT,

RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW, ARIPO patent (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG)

Published:

with international search report

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.